2 3

Homogeneity of olivine compositions		>5% mean deviations	≤5%	
Structural state of low-Ca pyroxene	_	Predominantly monoclinic	>20% monoclinic	≤20% monoclinic

Sharp chondrule boundaries

TABLE 3. Summary of the criteria for classifying chondrites according to petrologic type, based on Van Schmus and Wood (1967).

Clear, isotropic

Opaque to

transparent

0.2 - 1

0.3 - 3

Secondary <2-µm grains

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Devitrified

5

Secondary

2-50-µm grains

>20

kamacite and taenite in exsolution relationship

< 0.5

Some chondrules can be

discerned, fewer sharp edges

Transparent, recrystallized

< 0.2

<1.5

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Homogeneous

Absent

Chondrules

poorly delineated

Orthorhombic

Secondary

>50-µm grains

Primary textures

destroyed

Minor primary grains Mostly altered,

some preserved

< 20

taenite minor

or absent

>0.5

Mostly fine-

grained opaque

0.8 - 2.6

2-16

- Altered or absent

Fine grained

opaque

No chondrules

3-5

18 - 22

After Van Schmus and Wood (1967) with modifications by Sears and Dodd (1988), Brearley and Jones (1998), and this work.

Criterion

Feldspar

Matrix

Carbon (wt%)

Water (wt%)

Chondrule glass

Metal: Maximum Ni (wt%)

Sulfides: Mean Ni (wt%)

Chondrule-matrix integration